AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-35 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1, 11, 21, 31, and 34 are independent. Claims 2-10, 12-20, 22-30, 32-3, and 35 depend from independent claims 1, 11, 21, 31, and 34, respectively.

The Applicant requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for communication of information in a distributed media network, the method comprising:

~~detecting availability~~automatically searching by at least one media processing system located in a first geographic location within the distributed media network, [[of]]for one or more of newly available media, data and/or service within the distributed media network, said searching based on a media profile associated with a user of said at least one media processing system at the first geographic location;

comparing by said at least one media processing system, said one or more of said newly available media, data and/or service with data in [[a]]said media profile ~~associated with said at least one media processing system~~; and

automatically requesting by the at least one media processing system, ~~at least a portion of~~ said one or more of said newly available media, data and/or service from the distributed media network based on said comparison by said at least one media processing system.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising receiving said requested at least a portion of said one or more of said newly available media, data and service by said at least one media processing system, if said one or more of said newly available media, data and service matches said data in said media profile associated with said at least one media processing system.

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said data in said media profile associated with said at least one media processing system is predefined.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising dynamically updating data in said media profile associated with said at least one media processing system.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising polling at least one of a plurality of network components in the distributed media network for said one or more of said newly available media, data and service.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein said at least one of said plurality of network components comprises one or more of a personal computer, a server, a content provider and a media processing server.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising receiving an indication by said at least one media processing system of said availability of said one or more of said newly available media, data and service within the distributed media network.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said detecting comprises searching by said at least one media processing system of at least another media processing system in the distributed media network for said one or more of said newly available media, data and service.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 7, comprising initiating receiving of said one or more of said newly available media, data and service based on a user selection after said receiving of said indication.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said detecting comprises polling at least another media processing system for said one or more of said newly available media, data and service within the distributed media network, and wherein said at least another media processing system is authorized for said polling by said at least one media processing system.

11. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having at least one code section for communicating information in a distributed media network, the at least one code section being executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform steps comprising:

~~detecting availability~~automatically searching by at least one media processing system located in a first geographic location within the distributed media network, [[of]]for one or more of newly available media, data and/or service within the distributed media network, said searching based on a media profile associated with a user of said at least one media processing system at the first geographic location;

comparing by said at least one media processing system, said one or more of said newly available media, data and/or service with data in [[a]]said media profile ~~associated with said at least one media processing system~~; and

automatically requesting by the at least one media processing system, ~~at least a portion of~~ said one or more of said newly available media, data and/or service from the distributed media network based on said comparison by said at least one media processing system.

12. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, comprising code for receiving said requested at least a portion of said one or more of said newly available media, data and service by said at least one media processing system, if said one or more of said newly available media, data and service matches said data in said media profile associated with said at least one media processing system.

13. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, wherein said data in said media profile associated with said at least one media processing system is predefined.

14. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, comprising code for dynamically updating data in said media profile associated with said at least one media processing system.

15. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, comprising code for polling at least one of a plurality of network components in the distributed media network for said one or more of said newly available media, data and service.

16. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 15, wherein said at least one of said plurality of network components comprises one or more of a personal computer, a server, a content provider and a media processing server.

17. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, comprising code for receiving an indication by said at least one media processing system of said availability of said one or more of said newly available media, data and service within the distributed media network.

18. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, wherein said detecting comprises code for searching by said at least one media processing system of at least another media processing system in the distributed media network for said one or more of said newly available media, data and service.

19. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 17, comprising code for initiating receiving of said one or more of said newly available media, data and service based on a user selection after said receiving of said indication.

20. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, wherein said detecting comprises code for polling at least another media processing system for said one or more of said newly available media, data and service within the distributed media network, and wherein said at least another media processing system is authorized for said polling by said at least one media processing system.

21. (Currently Amended) A system for communication of information in a distributed media network, the system comprising:

at least one processor within at least one media processing system located in a first geographic location within the distributed media network, said at least one processor ~~detects availability~~automatically searches ~~in the distributed media network, of~~ for one or more of newly available media, data and/or service within the distributed media network, said searching based on a media profile associated with a user of said at least one media processing system at the first geographic location;

said at least one processor compares said one or more of said newly available media, data and/or service with data in [[a]]said media profile ~~associated with said at least one media processing system~~; and

said at least one processor automatically requests ~~at least a portion of~~ said one or more of said newly available media, data and/or service from the distributed media network based on said comparison by said at least one media processing system.

22. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor receives said requested at least a portion of said one or more of said newly available media, data and service, if said one or more of said newly available media, data and service matches said data in said media profile associated with said at least one media processing system.

23. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said data in said media profile associated with said at least one media processing system is predefined.

24. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor dynamically updates data in said media profile associated with said at least one media processing system.

25. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor polls at least one of a plurality of network components in the distributed media network for said one or more of said newly available media, data and service.

26. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 25, wherein said at least one of said plurality of network components comprises one or more of a personal computer, a server, a content provider and a media processing server.

27. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor within said at least one media processing system receives an indication of said availability of said one or more of said newly available media, data and service within the distributed media network.

28. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor searches at least another media processing system in the distributed media network for said one or more of said newly available media, data and service.

29. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 27, wherein said at least one processor initiates receiving of said one or more of said newly available media, data and service based on a user selection after said receiving of said indication.

30. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor polls at least another media processing system for said one or more of said newly available media, data and service within the distributed media network, and wherein said at least another media processing system is authorized for said polling by said at least one processor.

31.   (New) A method for communication of information in a distributed media network, the method comprising:

automatically searching by at least one media processing system located in a first geographic location within the distributed media network, for one or more of newly available media, data and/or service within the distributed media network, wherein said searching is based on a media profile associated with a user of said at least one media processing system at the first geographic location, and wherein said searching is initiated without any input from said user;

comparing by said at least one media processing system, said one or more of said newly available media, data and/or service with data in said media profile; and

automatically downloading by the at least one media processing system, said one or more of said newly available media, data and/or service from the distributed media network based on said comparison by said at least one media processing system, wherein said automatic downloading is initiated without any input from said user.

32. (New) The method according to claim 31, wherein said automatic searching comprises searching by said at least one media processing system of at least another media processing system at a second geographic location in the distributed media network, for said one or more of said newly available media, data and/or service.

33. (New) The method according to claim 31, wherein said at least another media processing system at said second geographic location has been preauthorized by said user of said at least one media processing system for said searching.

34.   (New) A method for communication of information in a distributed media network, the method comprising:

automatically searching by at least one media processing system located in a first geographic location within the distributed media network, for one or more of newly available media, data and/or service within the distributed media network, wherein said searching is based on a media profile associated with a user of said at least one media processing system at the first geographic location, and wherein said searching is initiated without any input from said user;

comparing by said at least one media processing system, said one or more of said newly available media, data and/or service with data in said media profile; and

downloading by the at least one media processing system, said one or more of said newly available media, data and/or service from the distributed media network based on said comparison by said at least one media processing system.

35. (New) The method according to claim 34, comprising:

prior to said downloading, receiving by said at least one media processing system, an indication of said one or more of said newly available media, data and/or service from said at least another media processing system at said second geographic location; and

initiating said downloading of said one or more of said newly available media, data and/or service based on a selection by said user, after said receiving of said indication.